

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 23 as follows:

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5. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 4] wherein the acid residues in the esterified material are of the formula Alk-C(=O)-O in which Alk is an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

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7. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 6] wherein the plant material comprises lignocellulose.

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10. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 6] wherein the source of the lignocellulose is selected from ^{the group consisting of} wood, straw, flax, linseed, bagasse, sisal, jute, kenaf, miscanthus, coir, ~~cotton~~ and hemp.

11. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 10] wherein the water-immiscible liquid is an oil.

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15. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 10] wherein the water-immiscible liquid is an organic solvent or a pesticide residue.

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16. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s]
1 [to 10] for the filtration or removal of a hydrophobic
water-immiscible liquid from a mixture of such a liquid with
water.

17. (amended) A method as claimed in [any one of] claim[s]
1 [to 10] for the retention of transformer oil on a paper.

23. (amended) An article as claimed in claim 20 [or 21 or
a sheet as claimed in claim 22] wherein the plant material
comprises lignocellulose.

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